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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON BENINESE REPATRIATION

REFS: A) LIBREVILLE 2103; B) STATE 189801

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR YOUR USE IF REQUIRED. THUS FAR, DESK HAS DETECTED LITTLE MEDIA INTEREST IN BENINESE ISSUE.

2. Q: IS THE USG INVOLVED IN THE REPATRIATION OF BENINESE CITIZENS FROM GABON?

A: NO, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INVOLVED.

WE FRANKLY DO NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE
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BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR BASIC POLICY FOR AFRICA, WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED BETWEEN OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS THEMSELVES.

Q: HAS THE GABONESE GOVERNMENT SOLICITED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING THE BENINESE TO BENIN.

A: YES, AND WE HAVE INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON THAT

WE DO NOT INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED.

(IF ASKED)

Q: IS THE U.S. CONCERNED THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE BENINESE ARE BEING VIOLATED?

A: WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF THIS EXPULSION AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO IT. WE HOPE THAT COUNTRIES WOULD REFRAIN FROM PENALIZING INDIVIDUAL NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THEY HAVE DISPUTES. SUCH CONCERNS WERE STRONG ELEMENTS IN OUR DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN A REPATRIATION EFFORT. VANCE

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